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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TOHGI ET AL.

Examiner

David S. Warren

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/29/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 – 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiang et al. (2004/0103370) in view of Probst (2003/0140034). Regarding claims 1 and 5, Chiang discloses the use of an input portion (i.e., extensible mark-up language) for inputting content data (60; fig. 4), a utilization portion providing a user with information through the use of the content material data (66), and transformation portion transforming the input content definition data to add an item which is not defined in the content definition data (see [0011], specifically Chiang states “translating an IMS byte stream to an XML document. The XML document is rendered according to a predefined style sheet”), and to change an item which is defined in the content definition data (e.g., see [0038]). Chiang does not disclose the use of a musical content utilizing apparatus wherein the input portion comprising different kinds of content material data about music. Probst discloses the use inputting data (like Chiang, XML data) and stylesheets for different kinds of music content (see paragraph [0025]; fig. 4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Chiang to include inputting music

related XML data. The motivation for making this modification is taught by Probst, that is, to allow different assets (i.e., music assets) to be stored in a single database and to more efficiently and economically manage digital-assets (including music assets), thus improving system interoperability (see Abstract). Regarding claims 2 and 6, (the “to add” feature and the “to change” feature have been discussed supra). Chiang discloses a stylesheet storage portion (62) and a transformation process portion for transforming the input content definition data in accordance with the stylesheet stored in the stylesheet storage portion (64). Regarding claims 3 and 7, the stylesheet of Chiang (as extensible stylesheet language) is written in “text/css” format – this format is upgradeable (for corroboration, see Applicant’s prior art submission to Takashi, JP 2001-024996). Regarding claims 4 and 8, the utilization portion has a display (part of element 66, fig. 4) wherein the stylesheet defines the layout (paragraph [0032]).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed May 14, 2007, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant has amended the claims and argued that the prior art does not teach “transforming input content to add an item...or to change an item...” The Examiner maintains that the prior art does teach these features (see rejection supra). The Examiner also notes that Chiang renders user written XML codes. It is inconceivable, that user written code would not allow a user to edit (change) or to write new code (to add) for rendering. As understood by the Examiner, the XML in Chiang is

essentially a displaying and formatting protocol for documents, it is inconceivable that one could not add and/or edit these documents.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David S. Warren whose telephone number is 571-272-2076. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan can be reached on 571-272-2837. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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